

DR. BARCLAY.

Francis Bailey Barclay is a name endeared to the hearts of a large number of the older citizens of Bedford county. Endowed by nature with a brilliant intellect, he gained by study and research such culture and knowledge as won the admiration and respect of all with whom he came in contact. An obituary notice written by one who knew him intimately* says: "While in his profession he deservedly ranked with the brightest names of our land, his mind was a treasure-house of classical and general literature. In his career as a physician he evinced a thorough knowledge of his profession, combined with the most profound judgment and skill, and when, added to this, his was a nature ever overflowing with sympathy and kindness, it is not strange that his admirers and friends were legion."

Dr. Francis B. Barclay was the son of Hugh and Hetty (Fulton) Barclay. He was born in Bedford, March 29, 1797. He was educated at the Bedford Academy, under its learned president, Rev. James R. Wilson. After commencing the study of medicine under the eminent Dr. William Watson, of Bedford, he was induced by reason of poor health to seek a milder climate.

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He studied two years at the Baltimore Hospital and attended lectures at the University of Maryland, from which institution he received the degree of doctor of medicine in the spring of 1818. In the fall of 1818 he commenced the practice of medicine in Columbus, Ohio, afterward removing to Cadron, Arkansas. His health becoming impaired by severe attacks of fever, he returned to his native place, and in 1821 began practicing medicine in Bedford. His talents and skill soon placed him among the foremost medical practitioners of his day, and during the thirty years of his practice in Bedford he constantly rose in the esteem of the people, gaining such popularity as rarely falls to the lot of one in his profession. Free-hearted, sympathetic and generous by nature, he was admirably fitted for the life of a medical adviser. Prompt to respond to the call of duty and ardently devoted to his work, his usefulness was great and his success well merited. He died July 12, 1851.

Dr. Barclay was married September 30, 1823, to Miss Camilla B. Bonnett, whose father was a man of great prominence among the citizens of Bedford of that day. The children of this union were Josiah E. (deceased), Hester A. (deceased), William W., Samuel M. (deceased), John J., Richard D., Emma F. and Mary F.